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## **CEMETERIES & BURIALS**

Gamlingay Parish Council is responsible for the management and maintenance of two cemeteries.

### **Stocks Lane Cemetery, opened in 1891**

There are four sections:

- Old Cemetery – sections A B C CA D E F and FD
- New Cemetery – sections G H I J and N
- Cremated remains - sections M and CR
- Childrens section K

The Old Cemetery sections A - FD and cremated remains section M are now closed, although pre-purchased or existing graves may be opened or re-opened for future interments. There are limited plots remaining in the New Cemetery sections G to N, cremated remains section CR and the children's section K.

### **St Mary's Cemetery, opened in 2016**

There are four sections currently open and plots are available in each:

- Enclosed plots - ES
- Lawn sections – LL1 and LR1
- Cremated remains sections - CRL and CRR
- Woodland section - WS
- Childrens section - CS

## **PURCHASE OF GRAVE SPACES**

Burial or cremation plots can be purchased direct from the Parish Council. When you purchase a plot, you will receive a deed of grant giving you the Exclusive Right of Burial (EROB) for 50 years. Please note that this does not mean that you own the land, just the right to use the plot. Plot numbers will be allocated by the Clerks.

Important points to consider when purchasing a plot:

- Whose name should the plot be registered in? The plot-owner's written permission **must** be given before any interment or memorial work can be authorized. If



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the Deed of Grant is registered in the name of more than one person, the written permission of all owners will be needed.

- Who will inherit ownership of the plot upon the death of the plot-owner? A plot-owner may be interred in their own plot; however ownership must then be transferred before any future interment or memorial work takes place.

**The EROB issued by the Parish Council is your proof of ownership and, as such, is an important document which should be kept safely.**

## **INTERMENTS**

Full burial interments can be arranged through funeral directors. Cremated remains interments can be arranged through a funeral director or through the Parish Council.

## **MEMORIALS**

As a registered owner of a plot, you can apply to erect a memorial on the plot. You will need to purchase a Right of Memorial (ROM), which can be done at the time of plot purchase or any time prior to placing a memorial on the plot. Stone masons can advise on suitable memorials and will send a proof to the Parish Council for approval. Please refer to our cemetery leaflets regarding rules and regulations.

Memorial benches, trees/plaques and underground vase systems (for St Mary's cemetery) may also be purchased through the Parish Council to be sited in our Cemeteries (space permitting). Please contact us for further information.

## **TRANSFER OF GRAVE OWNERSHIP**

Upon the death of the registered owner of the plot, the transfer of plot ownership must be completed before:

- a further interment can take place in the plot (apart from the interment of the plot owner)
- an additional inscription is added to an existing memorial
- a new memorial is to be erected
- onsite/offsite repair works (including cleaning) to an existing memorial

To transfer ownership:



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- If the deceased owner left a valid will, the Parish Council will need a sealed copy of probate or grant of letters of administration, showing the legal successor to the estate. The plot will be then transferred to the deceased's successor.
- If no valid will exists, the deceased's next of kin will need to sign a statutory declaration (provided by the Parish Council) which must be witnessed by a magistrate or commissioner for oaths.

Please contact the Parish Council on 01767 650310 or email [clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk) for further information on any of the above.

Copies of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations and applicable fees can be found on our website [www.gamlingay-pc.gov.uk](http://www.gamlingay-pc.gov.uk)